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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT TACOMA

6 RICHARD DEAN MERTEN,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 OFFICER GARDNER,

10 Defendant.

No. C11-5641 RBL/KLS

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE OF CIVIL  
RIGHTS COMPLAINT

11 This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has been  
12 granted leave to proceed with this action *in forma pauperis*. This action will proceed against  
13 Plaintiff's Eight Amendment claims against Pierce County Jail Officer Gardner only. *See* ECF  
14 Nos. 12 and 16.

15 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED:**

16 (1) Service by Clerk

17 The Clerk is directed to send the following to the named defendant by first class mail: a  
18 copy of Plaintiff's Complaint, a copy of this Order, two copies of the Notice of Lawsuit and  
19 Request for Waiver of Service of Summons, a Waiver of Service of Summons, and a return  
20 envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the Clerk's Office.

21 (2) Response Required

22 Defendant shall have **thirty (30) days** within which to return the enclosed waiver of  
23 service of summons. A defendant who timely returns a signed waiver shall have **sixty (60) days**  
24 after the date designated on the notice of lawsuit to file and serve an answer to the complaint or a  
25 motion permitted under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.  
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1 A defendant who fails to timely return a signed waiver will be personally served with a  
2 summons and complaint, and may be required to pay the full costs of such service, pursuant to  
3 Rule 4(d)(2). A defendant who has been personally served shall file an answer or motion  
4 permitted under Rule 12 within **thirty (30) days** after service.

5 (3) Filing and Service by Parties, Generally

6 All attorneys admitted to practice before this Court are required to file documents  
7 electronically via the court's CM/ECF system. Counsel are directed to the court's website,  
8 [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov), for a detailed description of the requirements for filing via CM/ECF.  
9 All non-attorneys, such as *pro se* parties and/or prisoners, may continue to file a paper original  
10 with the Clerk. All filings, whether filed electronically or in traditional paper format, must  
11 indicate in the upper right hand corner the name of the Magistrate Judge to whom the document  
12 is directed.  
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14 For any party filing electronically, when the total of all pages of a filing exceeds fifty  
15 (50) pages in length, a paper copy of the document (with tabs or other organizing aids as  
16 necessary) shall be delivered to the Clerk's Office for chambers. The chambers copy must be  
17 clearly marked with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic Filing for Chambers."  
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19 Finally, any document filed with the court must be accompanied by proof that it has been  
20 served upon all parties that have entered a notice of appearance in the underlying matter.  
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22 (4) Motions

23 Regarding the filing of motions before the court, the parties are directed to review Local  
24 Rule CR 7 in its entirety. A few important points are highlighted below:

25 Any request for court action shall be set forth in a motion, properly filed and served.  
26 Pursuant to amended Local Rule CR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion

1 shall be submitted as a part of the motion itself and not in a separate document. **The motion**  
2 **shall include in its caption (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the**  
3 **date the motion is to be noted for consideration upon the court's motion calendar.**

4 In all instances where one of the parties to a lawsuit is incarcerated, **all** categories of non-  
5 dispositive motions not listed in Local Rule CR 7(d)(1) must be noted for the third Friday after  
6 the date of filing and service. This applies to all non-dispositive motions, even those which are  
7 normally (if none of the parties are incarcerated) permitted to be noted 7 judicial days after  
8 filing. *See* Local Rule CR 7(d)(2).

10 All dispositive motions shall be noted for consideration no earlier than the fourth Friday  
11 following filing and service of the motion.

12 (5) Motions for Summary Judgment

13 If one of the parties files a motion for summary judgment pursuant to Federal Rules of  
14 Civil Procedure 56, the opposing party should acquaint him/herself with Rule 56. Rule 56  
15 requires a nonmoving party to submit affidavits or other evidence in opposition to a motion for  
16 summary judgment if the moving party has shown the absence of issues of material fact and an  
17 entitlement to judgment as a matter of law. A nonmoving party may not rest upon the mere  
18 allegations or denials of prior pleadings. Rather, successful opposition to a motion for summary  
19 judgment requires the nonmoving party to set forth, through affidavits or other evidence, specific  
20 facts showing a genuine issue for trial. Failure by the nonmoving party to oppose a summary  
21 judgment motion or to present counter evidence could result in the court accepting the moving  
22 party's evidence as the truth, and entering final judgment in favor of the moving party without a  
23 full trial. *Rand v. Rowland*, 113 F.3d 1520 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

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2 (6) Direct Communications with District Judge or Magistrate Judge

3 No direct communication is to take place with the District Judge or Magistrate Judge with  
4 regard to this case. All relevant information and papers are to be directed to the Clerk.

5 (7) Clerk's Action

6 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order and of the General Order issued by the  
7 Magistrate Judges to Plaintiffs. The Clerk is further directed to send copies of this Order and a  
8 courtesy copy of Plaintiffs' Complaint to the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.  
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10 **DATED** this 12th day of January, 2012.

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14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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